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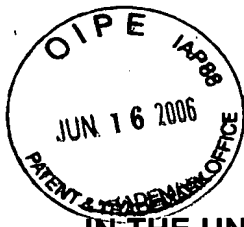
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Claims 15-18 remain pending in this application. These claims stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,521,020 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,444,341 and U.S. Patent No. 5,318,863 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,444,341. In view of the following comments, these rejections are traversed, and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In response to the First Office Action concerning the rejection of the claims in view of these references, Applicant amended independent claim 15 to include language that the diffusion media layers are not bonded or hot-pressed to the membrane prior to the MEA being assembled as part of a fuel cell stack. Applicant stated in the Remarks that the prior art of record only teaches fabricating an MEA using a bonding and/or hot-